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THE STAGE IS ALL SET

Most spectacular Ampol Cup ever conducted in Sydney

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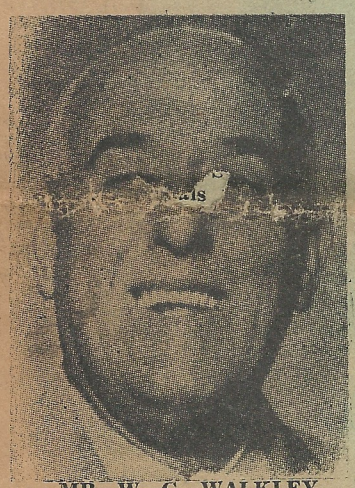

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Soccer is on the threshold, in Australia, of a fantastic rise of player and spectator interest.

From all States reports are coming that Ampol Cup attendances have nearly doubled compared with previous years.

In Sydney during recent weeks we have seen unprecedented crowds pack grounds at pre-season trial matches.

Administrators of the soccer code are unanimous that the rapid growth of the game in Australia over the last three years is due among other factors to the backing of Ampol Petroleum Limited.

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The value of this need not be emphasised to players or even fans.

This week the Director of American Health Studios, Mr. Edward Cheever, an American, offered, through "Soccer World," £100 in prizemoney to the three best NSW Federation First Division players of 1961. (1st £50, 2nd £30, 3rd £20)

The winner also will receive a year's membership of the studio and a cup.

The contest will be organised jointly by "Soccer World" and the American Health Studios.

Each week during the competition proper we will "score" each player of each team. (Ampol and Ascot matches are not included).

Our staff reporters and regular contributors, covering the matches, will award points from 1 to 6, similar to our last year's practice.

The best player of 1961 to win the American Health Studios Cup will not necessarily be the one who accumulates the greatest number of points but whose season's average is the highest total amount of points divided, by number of matches played).

Only those, who have taken part in at least two-thirds of their team's matches, will be considered for the award.

FIFA MAY LIFT BAN

The Australian Soccer Football Association Council met in Melbourne last weekend.

Messrs S. Storey (President), F. R. Druery (Secretary), R. Telfer (SA), V. Tutting (Tasmania), D. Abraham (WA), W. Thomas (Vic), R. Walker (NSW) and H. Barwick (Qld) were present.

Main matters for discussion centered around the migrant players' issue, English pools and the possible English League XI tour.

Unanimous

Points rising from the meeting are:

- It is now confidently expected that by the middle of the year the FIFA ban will be lifted.

For the first time the Council was unanimous in its views over this contentious question, mainly due to the NSW representative.

The Council does not consider it opportune, at the present moment, to make its decision public but a statement will be made at a later date.

Touring team

- The English pools will continue to operate on Australian matches during the northern summer and approximately £10,000 will be allocated to Australian clubs.

It was decided not to press for a larger amount at the present.

- The Council also is investigating the possibility of a Sydney match for the touring English team which will visit New Zealand this autumn.

English FA President, Sir Stanley Rous, is reported to be in favor of the match taking place, even if Australia is still banned at the time.

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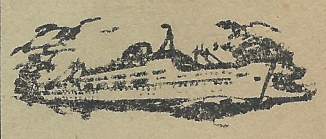
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NEW SEASON'S RESOLUTIONS

If one is to believe the pre-season signs Sydney may experience its greatest soccer boom in 1961.

● The crowds will again increase and we expect to see many "gate records" broken.

● What is even more important, we anticipate a further improvement in the standard of most teams.

It now looks certain that Sydney will have at least three or four crack sides which will stand comparison with most European First Division middle-of-the-table teams and, others will also be stronger than last year.

● High class soccer is important.

It draws the crowds, attracts new fans and stimulates general interest.

But, it is hoped, other aspects of the code will also receive proper attention and care.

● It is of enormous importance that the Federation, as well as the clubs, step up their activities in the junior field, where the future of Australian soccer lies.

More junior teams are needed, more schools have to be "invaded", and the whole junior organisation needs a lot more help if we want to ensure that in years to come the local talent will be fully developed and will reach, if not surpass, that of the importations.

● The referees, should also do everything possible to raise their standards.

They should try to introduce a uniform interpretation of the rules, eliminate irregularities and inconsistency, as well as stamp out rough play.

● It is also hoped that 1961 will see the settling of Australia's affairs with F.I.F.A.

● Together with all the fans, we also hope that inter-State traffic will increase in the coming season.

Every such tournament for a cup, trophy or just fun brings us one giant step closer to the dream of all Australian soccer enthusiasts — the eventual Australian championship or Cup.

● As far as Soccer World, your "green paper" is concerned, we also will try to swim along with the friendly current and improve our pages in looks and contents.

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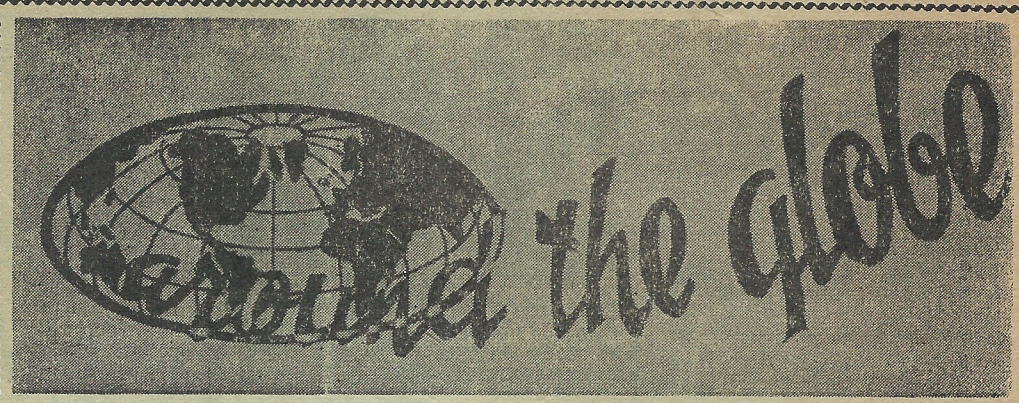

The Soviet national squad, just selected, comprises 26 players.

Included are such well-known stars as Yashin, Netto and Bubukin.

However, the famous international wing-half Voynov has been dropped without an explanation.

Of the players 17 come from various Moscow clubs while Kiev and Tbilisi have also provided their fair share of the squad.

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March and April will be very busy in European soccer what with World Cup elimination matches coming up in several groups.

On March 7 Eire will meet Scotland and on March 10 England will play Portugal.

Nine days later the Portuguese will be hosts to Luxembourg.

The program for April is: Hungary v. East Germany (April 16, Budapest); Wales v. Spain (April 19, Cardiff) and Holland v. Hungary (April 30, Amsterdam).

In May nine and in June five, World Cup elimination matches will take place.

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The third round matches of the European Cup will be played in March and early April.

This is the draw:

March 8: Benfica (Portugal) v. Aarhus (Denmark) at Lisbon; Barcelona (Spain) v. Spartak Kralove (Czechoslovakia) at Barcelona.

March 15: Hamburger SV (W. Germany) v. Burnley (England) at Hamburg. (Burnley won the first match 3:1).

March 15: Spartak v. Barcelona at Prague.

March 22: Rapid (Austria) v. IFK Malmo (Sweden) at Vienna.

March 30: Aarhus v. Benefica at Copenhagen.

April 5: IFK Malmo v. Rapid at Malmo.

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The French soccer club Racing Paris can fairly claim the old adage that "we wuz robbed..."

A fortnight ago they lost their home match against Rouen.

Then, as the gate takings were taken to a suburban bank, the car was held up by machine-gun equipped gangsters who disappeared with the loot, more than 9,000,000 francs.

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Late last year a remarkably good new magazine appeared in London, called World Soccer.

This splendidly written, and produced journal lives up to its name: it covers world soccer from Pole to Pole, with news, articles and pictures from.

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The Hungarian and Austrian league championships will resume, after their winter spell, on February 26.

In Hungary Ujpest and in Austria FK Austria are leading the table and look set for championship trophies.

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AGNE SIMONSSON, Real Madrid's newly acquired Swedish star forward, may soon pack up and return to misty Scandinavia and his old club, Orgryte.

The reason for his unexpected decision is that in Spain he has failed to strike form and felt out of place among his star colleagues.

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ACCORDING to a report in the Polish newspaper "Sportowiec" Stanley Matthews, England's soccer idol, will play as a guest player with a Polish club between May and August.

It has not yet been decided which club Matthews will join though it seems certain that it will be one of the country's leading teams.

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FC SANTOS has won one of the toughest league competitions in the world, that of Sao Paulo.

Once again the fabulous Pele proved to be his team's greatest goal-getter, with 33 goals.

In the past four seasons this black wizzard has scored 174 goals, 58 of them in 1958, his greatest season.

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REAL MADRID played a 2:2 draw in Rio against Vasco da Mamma, presently third on the league table.

After a mere 15 minutes Madrid led 2:0 with the goals of Del Sol and Canario.

However, the hot and humid conditions sapped the energy of the Spaniards who, in the second half, conceded two goals and allowed the home team, to force a draw.

The game attracted 123.000 spectators.

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LONDON'S famous Chelsea club will build a new stadium at Stamford Bridge.

This will accomodate 150,000 spectators, 100,000 of them seated.

The present ground, stands, and, more or less the entire club, is the property of the millionaire Mears family.

Possible candidate for the architect's job is Italian Luigi Nervi, who, among other things, designed the Rome Olympic stadium.

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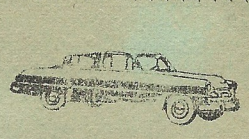
COMPETITION POINTS

ITALY: 1. Internazionale 29, 2. Juventus 26, 3. AC Milano 25, 4. Catania 25, 5. AS Roma 24, Fiorentina 22, 7. Sampdoria 21, 8. Bologna 19 pts.

SPAIN: 1. Real Madrid 38, 2. AC Madrid 29, 3. AC Bilbao 25, 4. FC Barcelona 24, 5. Sevilla 23, 6. Valencia 22, 7. Zaragoza 22, 8. San Sebastian 21 pts.

BELGIUM: 1. Anderlecht 27, 2. Daring 25, 3. Standard Liege 24, 4. FC Liege 24, 5. Aalst 22, 6. Beerschot 21, 7. Waterschei 20, 8. Lierse 18 pts.



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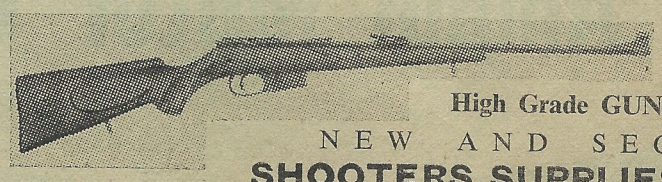

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Overhaul of teams key to bright season

The majority of the Federation clubs in the top division will be stronger than last year.

Some have undergone a major face-lift and will play leading parts in the competition.

This is revealed by a survey carried out by our reporters on the eve of the AMPOL CUP.

During the summer months several new players have arrived from Europe, mainly Austria and Britain.

Many more are on their way and will be here shortly, including some reportedly first class importations from Poland.

The most astonishing transformation, undoubtedly, concerns Hakoah which last year played a lowly part in the competition.

The arrival of Austrians Wenzl, Blutsh and Mach with the transfer of Jaros and Hume has made Hakoah immensely strong.

However, Prague and APIA have also strengthened their formations and so Sydney may see the keenest battle yet for supremacy.

A striking feature of the "summer movements" was the switch of many Australian star players to "New" Australian clubs and vice versa.

Morrow, Pettigrew, Shean, on one hand and Van Gaalen, Baumgartner etc. on the other.

To keep abreast with the trend, several coaches have also changed clubs in the past months.

Joe Vlasits, after several years with Canterbury, joined Prague, Gyula Polgar from APIA went to newly promoted Pan Hellenic, John Phillips left Sydney Austral for Auburn and Denis Adrigan took over Canterbury.

At the moment Sydney Austral, Polonia-North Side and South Coast operate with player-coaches.

Below we publish a club-by-club survey on the movement of players and coaches since last season.

South Coast United

With Corrimal deeper in trouble as the seasons went by, their amalgamation with Illawarra District club Woonoona, is a progressive move which ensures South Coast fans of a reasonable team for the 1961 season.

The club has retained all ast season's players and has gained good club men like Love and Arnall from Woonoona.

With the signing-on of Leo Baumgartner the club is certain of financial gains whenever it plays at home and will also be an added drawcard in Sydney.

Baumgartner, with his brother Kurt, will of course strengthen the club but whether he will be able to fully "express" his stye of play in a team used to the long pass and powerful drives remains to be seen.

If the team can blend Baumgartner's style with that of its older players then can it expect to play a leading part in the 1961 competition.

Baumgartner who is also the coach, in his first year with Corrimal, cannot be expected to perform miracles unless he will have at his disposal young talent similar to Canterbury's last season.

However, the newly formed South Coast club should gain enough points to miss out on relegation.

PLAYER DEPARTED:
Keith LEARMONTH, retired.
PLAYERS JOINED:
Leo BAUMGARTNER.
Kurt BAUMGARTNER.
Colin LITTLEMOR, goalkeeper, from Hakoah.

A.P.I.A. - Leichhardt

APIA, the club with Australia's greatest number of supporters, is currently at the crossroads.

With the spectacular build-up of Hakoah and Prague the club will have a tough job to keep up.

However, the club has recruited heavily in the United Kingdom and in the very near future, Gordon Wentzel, undoubtedly a top-notch star will arrive from Scotland.

APIA's captain-coach, Joe Marston, has vast experience but his will be an unenviable task as it will be up to him to blend all the different styles of players who will form the nucleus of the 1961 APIA XI.

PLAYERS DEPARTED:

Ron HAWKSHAW, 34, full back. Retired after 12 years of first grade football.

George CINAT, 27, half-back. Retired owing to business pressure.

NEW PLAYERS:

Bruce MORROW, 23, right winger or centre-forward. Australian International and NSW rep. Formerly of Wallsend before signing on with Auburn for two years.

James HARRIS, 24, half-back. Former Scot who played in Tasmania. Then joined Sydney Austral. Selected for 2nd Sydney XI last year.

Vernon WENTZEL, 23, centre forward. Formerly a leading Kilmarnock (Scotland) player. This South African starred in the 1960 New York International Tournament.

John BRYCE, 22, inside-right. From Dumbarton club, Scotland.

David FAGAN, 22, centre-forward or inside right. Also from Dumbarton and one of Scotland's best prospects.

Peter DOWN, 25, inside-left. Former Manchester City.

Robert McLAUCHLIN, 22, inside forward. A promising junior who played for Newart Hill Hearts, a Scottish Junior club.

Auburn

On paper Auburn seems stronger than last season in spite of the loss of Bruce Morrow.

They gained a top centre-half, Franz Van Gaalen, a gifted and tireless half, Stuart Cousins and a good British forward Gordon Clydesdale.

Len Quested has taken up coaching (while awaiting a full time coach from overseas) and is confident that the team will have a good season in spite of the rise in standards.

Auburn's half-back line should be the backbone of the team and one of the best in Sydney, as Freddie Dayney is back in serious training.

With the retirement of some veterans the team will be considerably younger.

PLAYERS DEPARTED

Bruce MORROW, 23, centre-forward. Australian International. Transfered to APIA.

Eddie WALLACE, 31, full back. Retired.

Archie McALLISTER, 33, centre-half or halfback, Australian International. Hung up his boots after 15 years of first division football.

NEW PLAYERS:

Franz VAN GAALEN, 22, centre-half. Formerly of Holland before signing up for six months with Sydney Austral.

Stuart COUSINS, 23, half-back. Canterbury product. Played several first grade games with the 1960 Champions before transferring to Granville half way throughout last season.

Harry DINGWALL, 27, forward. Former Concordia player.

Gordon CLYDESDALE, 22, inside-left. Englishman who played in Midland League before migrating to Canada where he established himself as that country's top player. Played for Harmonia Olympia team and represented Canada.

Budapest

This club will be perhaps a shade or two stronger than last year though spectacular mprovement cannot be expected.

In their first training match Budapest beat Granville 9:0, then, one week later, went down meekly to Hakoah 2:6.

The net value of players gained cannot be accessed until they all reach peak form.

However, even so the Budapest attack, usually capable of surprisingly good performances, should be better than before.

PLAYERS DEPARTED:

Gyula KOSA, full-back, to Europe.

Spiro TSOMBARAS, full-back, to Brisbane.

Charles KANGYAR, temporarily retired.

PLAYERS JOINED:

Ivan MAGONY, 24, left winger, from an amateur team at Reims, France.

Herbert STEGBAUER, 18, right winger, from junior side of FK Austria, Vienna.

Joe VASVARR, 24, inside right, from Hakoah.

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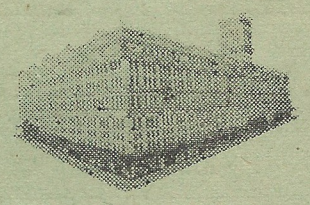
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1 Goal R. BROWN

2 Right back T. NORTH

3 Left back E. JONES

4 Right half J. WATKISS

5 Centre half J. CURRY

6 Left half D. BROWN

8 Inside right J. MOORE

10 Inside left B. SALISBURY

7 Outside right J. WARREN

9 Centre forward J. AMIGO

11 Outside left G. WARREN

M. HOGG 11 Outside left

R. HOARE 9 Centre forward

C. BRADY 7 Outside right

T. CAPOVIC 10 Inside left

G. NUTTALL 8 Inside right

M. SMITH 6 Left half

F. GARSIDE 5 Centre half

J. CREELY 4 Right half

A. PENDLETON 3 Left back

R. WALL 2 Right back

L. KOPOLLOPIS 1 Goal

GRANVILLE

RESULTS OF TRIAL GAMES

Below we set out the results of trial matches the NSW First Division teams have played.

Even though in many cases little significance can be attached to these early results, the keen student of the game may be able to draw his own conclusions.

Hakoah — Corinthians 12:0, Auburn — Bankstown 4:1, Prague — Blacktown 3:0, Hakoah — S. Austral 5:0, Budapest — Granville 9:0, Hakoah — Polonia (Melb.) 3:3, Prague — Polonia (Melb.) 4:1, Gladesville — Bankstown 2:2, APIA — Azzuri (Brisb.) 2:2, Hakoah — Budapest 6:2, S. Austral — Corinthians 2:0, Polonia — South Coast 7:3, S. Austral — P. Hellenic 2:2, Granville — Auburn 3:1, Canterbury — Cessnock 7:3, Canterbury — Lake Macquarie 6:1, Prague — P. Hellenic 3:0, Hakoah — Prague 3:2, Budapest — Canterbury 2:1, Gladesville — Newcastle Austral 4:2, Pan Hellenic — Bankstown 2:1, APIA v. S. Austral 2:0, Polonia — Granville 10:2.

Prague v. South Coast

REFEREE: G. IPENBURG

LINESMEN: S. PUNDYK, F. WOOLMAN

PRAGUE

1 Goal R. LORD

2 Right back J. PETTIGREW

3 Left back K. SHERWIN

4 Right half W. TAMANDL

5 Centre half E. NINAUS

6 Left half L. SCHEINFLUG

8 Inside right E. SCHWARTZ

10 Inside left A. SAGHI

7 Outside right R. SHEEN

9 Centre forward H. NINAUS

11 Outside left H. RINGHOFF

T. ARNALL 11 Outside left

L. BAUMGARTNER 9 Centre forward

R. BURNS 7 Outside right

K. BAUMGARTNER 10 Inside left

T. HOGAN 8 Inside right

S. DEVLIN 6 Left half

R. BIGNELL 5 Centre half

P. PETERS 4 Right half

H. EGBERS 3 Left back

W. TAYLOR 2 Right back

1 Goal C. LITTLEMORE

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Hakoah — **Gladesville**: E. S. MARKS FIELD, March 3

Pan Hellenic: BYE

SPORTS GROUND, March 24

SEMI-FINAL, SPORTS GROUND, April 5 (Wednesday Night)

Prague — **South Coast**: E. S. MARKS FIELD, February 24

Budapest — **Syd. Austral**: E. S. MARKS FIELD, March 3

E. S. MARKS FIELD, March 17

A.P.I.A. — **Balgownie**: E. S. MARKS FIELD, March 10

Polonia: BYE

SPORTS GROUND, March 24

SEMI-FINAL, SPORTS GROUND, April 5 (Wednesday Night)

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Prague, Canterbury tipped to win tonight

Although Trial matches have been in progress for the last three weeks it is really curtains up on the 1961 season tonight with the first two matches of the First Round of the, now traditional, Ampol Cup.

And could anything be more fitting than to have the 1960 Grand Finalists open proceedings?

Who will ever forget last season's Grand Final?

It will be the hope of every fan that some of the glamour and brilliance of that memorable day be reproduced at the E.S. Marks Field, tonight.

With Prague, Canterbury, the potentially strong Baumgartner-led, South Coast Club and 1960's unlucky team, Granville, the stage is set for a grand opening night.

Here is how our special writers see both games tonight.

Canterbury without Leo

A match between last year's champions and one of the relegated teams sounds, on paper at least one-sided but Cup football has always proved a shocker and anything could happen.

Remember last season when Canterbury, the 1958 Ampol winners, were knocked out by Balgownie in the first round?

Who, then , would prophesy that the Berries are certainties to walk away with tonight's match?

Naturally, Canterbury will start firm favorites as the team has done exceptionnally well in trial games, in spite of the loss of Leo Baumgartner.

The new coach, Denis Adrigan, is satisfied that the side will reach last season's standard but it will be up to Amigo, Moore, Warren Bros and Smith to achieve this and tonight, will be a milestone in their efforts to prove that they can still be tops.

With Curry, now fully recovered, Tommy North moves to his usual full-back position while Watkiss and Don Brown fill in the wing-half positions.

But it will be the attack which will be most keenly scrutinised by fans.

And, that forward-line, seems good enough to notch the goals to ensure the Berries a comfortable passage into the quarter-finals.

Granville, now in second division, have retained most of last season's players and, when this team was in form, it proved itself a "giant killer" of no mean ability.

With a large junior nursery this is the time, for Granville to experiment with youngsters.

Tonight Canterbury will expect, and find, no quarter from the tenacious Magpies out to prove that they are up to First Division standard and — what a lift to the team if it could start the season with a win over the 1960 Champions.

OUR FORECAST: Canterbury to win.

Last season's Premiership games: 2:0 and 1:0 for Canterbury.

South Coast with Leo

The newly formed Southern club has certainly been set an arduous task for its official debut, as Prague is not only a formidable combination but, furthermore, has shown outstanding early season form.

South Coast, the combined strengths of Corrimal and Illawarra District club Woonoona, hit the headlines with the scoop signing of Australia's greatest centre-forward, Leo Baumgartner.

The committee has high hopes for the coming season and is confident that the "Professor" will revive South Coast glory.

Whatever happens in the near future, his task tonight is a difficult one.

It is up to the South Coast officials to unearth some young talent so that Baumgartner can mould them as he did with Brian Smith, and the young Warren Bros.

Prague can now boast of the best defence in Australia with every player in that division worthy of representative honours so Baumgartner will really have to work wonders to penetrate that "human wall".

On the other hand Herbert Ninaus and Andrew Saghi should get enough of the ball from their half-back line to pierce the South defence, which is not as solid as it used to be.

OUR FORECAST: Prague to win.

Last season's Premiership games: 4:1 and 3:1 to Prague.

Previous Ampol Winners and runners-up.

1957: HAKOAH d. Lane Cove 5:1 (Kennard Cup)
1958: C'BURY d. Hakoah 4:3
1959: PRAGUE: d. Auburn 7:0
19 0: BUDAPEST d. APIA 5:2

Ampol Series crowds:

1957: 18,550 (4,200 at Final)
1958: 36,010 (8,440 at Final)
1959: 45,167 (11,080 at Final)
1960: 40,220 (8,800 at Final)

Which was Sydney's best team of 1960?

Which was, on the aggregate, Sydney's most successful club team in 1960?

Would you vote for the glamorous Prague or the formidable APIA?

You'd be wrong in either case.

The team that showed the most consistently good form in competition and cup series was Canterbury.

You will be able to read a complete analysis of last season in the 1961 Soccer Year Book, now under preparation.

For the first time, SOCCER WORLD will publish the Year Book and, — we believe it will be the most comprehensive one ever compiled and published in Australia, covering both the local and international scene.

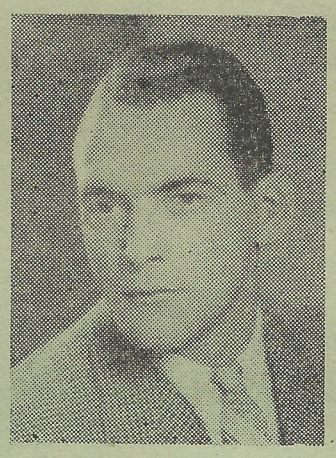
The Year Book will appear early in April.

Watch this newspaper for further details about the contents!

SUDDEN DEATH OF SOCCER PIONEER

It is our sad duty to announce that our colleague, "Soccer World" staff writer Arpad Tuson died last November, soon aft'r our paper went into its usual summer recess.

Arpad, who was born in Hungary, was as keen a soccer follower as they come.



But he was more than that. In Budapest he played first division soccer with the legendary FTC club, appearing many times for their first team at the left winger's post.

After the war he played for a few other teams, including Kispest where, at inside left, his partner was none less than Ferenc Puskas, later captain of Hungary.

He came to Australia at the end of 1949 and wasted little time in forming a Hungarian soccer team, named Ferencvaros-Europa.

For many years he was captain, player, secretary, treasurer and laundryman — all rolled into one.

With tremendous energy and enthusiasm he ran the club almost single-handed until others joined him at a later stage.

His work eventually bore fruit: in 1957, when thousands of young Hungarians arrived from revolution-torn Hungary, Arpad's spadework came in handy in re-organising the club and placing it on more solid financial grounds.

This club is now known as Budapest-South Sydney, holders of the Ampol Cup for which the fight will begin tonight.

Once he was through with playing, Arpad decided to explore the, for him, alien paths of coaching and refereeing. He qualified as both. In his restless, enthusiastic fashion he coached APIA, Gladesville, Polonia and Pan Hellenic one time or another.

At the time of his untimely death, at the age of 38, he was coach of the University team.

In his spare time which, amazingly enough, he was able to find beside all his other soccer activities, he also worked for Soccer World writing, collecting data and conducting various permanent features like league tables and goalscorers.

Pre-season crowds

With the season only officially opening tonight attendances have already reached the 35,000 mark.

Interstate visits by Polonia Melbourne and Azzurri Brisbane drew 15,000 and only bad weather prevented Prague's matches against Hakoah and Pan Hellenic drawing many more spectators.

Public interest has proved very keen, in spite of torrid beach weather, that there can be no doubt that this season will see the record book rewritten as far as crowds are concerned.

Last season's record 600,000 spectators at club soccer should be easily eclipsed and, perhaps the ¾ million mark reached.

Two soccer players were outside the Heavenly gates and, when St. Peter came to open up and let them in, they both declined politely and said:

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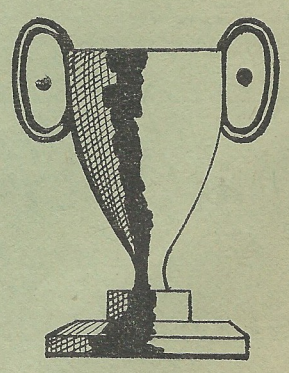

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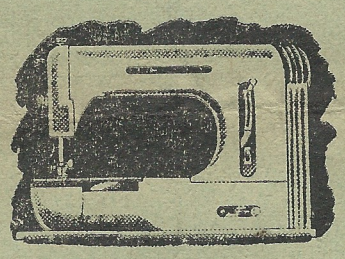

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Victorian Round-up

From L. K. STONE

There has already been much activity in the soccer world in Victoria with the Ampol Night Soccer Competition well on its way.

The top eight State League teams are taking part and it appears that Polonia, George Cross and the "under the lights" specialists, JUST, are assured of a Semi-Final births.

These three have so far shown by far the best form while Wilhelmina, Juventus, Hakoah, Melbourne HSC, Slavia have all been quite ordinary to date.

Perhaps the most disappointing teams in this series are Melbourne HSC with a poor forward line and, star studded Hakoah, which seems to have the same old illness, lack of fighting spirit.

Although the standard of play has not reached any great heights as it is too early for that, the attendance figures have reached heights beyond expectations.

Items of interest to date are plentiful and perhaps the most significant is the signing, by George Cross, of Australian and Victorian international player, Don Hodgeson, from Moreland.

The Maltese have been in training since early December and this has paid early dividends in the night competition.

Coaching assignments

One of Victoria's top referees, Luigi Cadelli, has taken on the post of trainer-coach with JUST, the club with the best record in the short history of Victorian night soccer.

This club will mainly rely on the same line up as last year though new signings, Buha and Goronce, are candidates for first team places.

While on the subject of coaches, Hakoah has succeeded in obtaining the services of Harry Brophy, a top flight English coach and a former Arsenal and Southampton player.

He is the only "full badge" holder in Australia, meaning that Harry has passed full A grade coaching examinations and is eligible to coach soccer anywhere in the world.

Former Victorian State coach Len Young has signed a contract to train South Melbourne Hellas, newcomers to the State League.

Young, a former West Ham and Reading professional soccer player, has done a great deal for Victorian soccer with his modern coaching technique and, no doubt, the Greeks will take full advantage of his skill and knowledge of the code.

Box Hill hopeful

Box Hill, after several poor seasons are determined to win back some of their former glory this season.

They have again appointed Angus Drennan as their senior coach and it's quite possible that they will be able to sign Dick Rae from George Cross.

Other new signings include Leslie McGrath, an Irish Junior International, and Englishman, W. Sharp, who is expected to play either as pivot or full-back.

There is a strong rumour that the Hillmen will obtain the services of two prominent Sydney players from a well known Federation club but no names have been given so far.

Disappointing

Melbourne, who so far disappointed in the Ampol Cup Series, has several aquisitions, the most notable being Losonczy and Feher and both should strenghten the forward line in which only Zuckermann and Fekete have shown anything like State League form.

Newcomer Biro, who has tried his luck with Melbourne and Sydney teams, has not settled down yet with the Hungarians but it is expected that he will be an asset once he adapts himself.

Melbourne last season played a stylish type of football, the brand of soccer fans like to see.

Mighty premiers

The mighty Polonia, last season's pride of Victorian soccer, have shown excellent form in the night series.

Fielding the same side as last season, the Poles have only signed one new player of note, a half back E. Gross, but, it is doubtful, whether their powerful halfback line of Szczepanski, Maruszkiewicz, Janczyk will be disturbed.

Polonia has strong reserves but I feel they need to sign another top flight goalie to have a perfectly balanced team.

Hard to beat

Wilhelmina have not come up to expectations in the Ampol Cup, but have already demonstrated that the team to beat them will have to pierce an extremely strong defence in which Janssen, Mathyssen and Stobbe are turning in sterling performances.

In their forward line only Yntema and Keuken have reached their usual form, though Stoffells from Box Hill will need only a short time to settle in. It will be remembered that Frank Stoffells was Box Hill's top scorer last season.

Ampol details

20.1.1961; ATTENDANCE 6500
Polonia v. Melbourne HSC 2:0; Wilhelmina v. Juventus1:0.
27.1.1961; ATTENDANCE 6000
Hakoah v. JUST 2:3; George Cross v. Slavia 1:0.
3.2.1961; ATTENDANCE 8000
George Cross v. Wilhelmina 2:0; Melbourne HSC v. JUST 0:3.
10.2.1961; ATTENDANCE 7000
Slavia v. Juventus 1:1; Polonia v. Hakoah 2:1.

Only eight clubs are taking part in the series.

The quarterfinals are being played on a round-robbin basis in two groups of four teams each.

Group A consists of Polonia, Melbourne HSC, JUST, and Hakoah.

Group B consists of George Cross, Wilhelmina, Slavia and Juventus.

The winner and the runner-up in each group enter the semi-finals.

First semi-final will be played on March 3, second semi-final on March 10 and the final — on March 17.

ADELAIDE SOCCER CRISIS

During the off-season there have been rumbles of discontent in South Australia; so it was no surprise to hear that the eight leading Adelaide clubs had formed an independent League, which, however, was seeking affiliation with the SASFA.

To get the full story behind the Adelaide crisis "Soccer World" contacted Adelaide's "Soccer News", and here is what that magazine's editor, Mr Giordano, told us.

The crisis has been brewing for a long time as the leading clubs in Adelaide were very dissatisfied with the Association set-up.

The top clubs, those with the greatest number of supporters, were continually frustrated in their attempts to lift the code due o parochial thinking by the lower division clubs which formed the majority of the SASFA.

Biased

Another bone of contention was that the Disciplinary Committee was accused of being biased against the newly established clubs.

Thus the leading clubs did not attend the second session of the South Australian Annual General Meeting after all their propositions had been rejected.

The eight clubs which resigned were: Budapest, Lion, Juventus, Croatia, Cumberland, Orange, Beograd and Polonia.

They have formed a new body called the South Australian Soccer League and are seeking affiliation with the SASFA.

Only if the South Australian Association refuses the new body affiliation will the "rebels" breakaway.

Confident

The eight clubs are confident of swinging the public behind them and are certain that their move will bring about better games, greater interest and bigger gates.

They have pledged their support to the junior organisation.

This, in summary, is what Mr Giordano stated in his letter to "Soccer World".

It gives one side's argument to this matter and we would only be too pleased to give the other side's point of view if we receive any correspondence on the subject.

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Israel nearing world standard

By H. KATSER
Our Staff Photographer

I have recently spent six weeks in Israel which, I am quite sure, does not make me an expert on their soccer, but, I venture the opinion, that they are 2—3 years ahead of our own development, which should provide a useful guide for our own planning.

Israel has about the same population as Sydney — a little more than two million — and they are really soccer mad.

me as "foregn journalist photographer".

It was great fun mixing with up to a dozen local photographers, who attend every match.

They run a daily sports newspaper in Tel-Aviv with emphasis on soccer, of course.

Sydney Hakoah made headlines with their attempt to engage the centre forward of the national team, **Rafi Levy**, and others.

he said: "send me back Herbert any time you like".

The coach inquired about Baumgartner, Jaros and Tamandl, whom he considers first-class players by any standard.

The National Eleven of Israel, which beat such teams as Wales and Yugoslavia, towers far above the club teams.

To obtain this they take promising players from 8—10 clubs and subject them to rigorous coaching by their top international trainer.

Now some useful tips for our own further development:

Imported players are practically non-existent, but nearly every club has a top continental coach, many of whom I have seen in their playing days in Europe, between the two wars.

These international coaches spend a lot of time on junior teams, some of which have surprised me with their mature method of play.

Finally, the referees may not be much better than ours, but they officiate more on the English pattern and demand — and command — more respect.

This is the free pass Hugh KATSER mentions in his article.

Crowds of 4,000 to 10,000 watch First Division club matches.

International games draw 30,000 or more.

Armed with a letter of introduction from our Federation I called at the impressive and businesslike premises of the Israeli Football Association.

The reception was very cordial and, while I was talking to the Secretary, other officials were already making out my press card classifying

Levy is a fine looking fellow, but I have seen him only from the goal line next to the photographers, because due to injury he played only once in the 1960/61 season.

Incidentally by a sheer stroke of luck I managed to establish some kind of reputation by getting a beautiful goal with my very first shot.

As far as the actual football is concerned I saw many an excellent full back and half back line, Israeli teams greatest asset.

Modern approach work

The approach work of their forward lines may be a shade more modern than that of most of our clubs, but their finishing power leaves plenty to be desired and shooting, at times, is quite appalling.

The visit of G.A.K. Graz fifth in the Austrian top competition — provided some means of comparison.

Graz beat the near-the-top club Maccabi, Tel-Aviv, 2:1.

A lucky win indeed after being on the defensive most of the time.

They achieved the same result against a Second Division club, again with luck.

Of course, Graz are nowhere near Rapid or FK. Austria which toured Australia.

Had I been a poaching scout, I would have negotiated only for their outstanding goalkeeper, Friedel, who kept them out of trouble single-handed.

The outstanding fact was that the strong local defences subdued the Austrian forward line with great ease.

I also talked to the Graz coach.

He was surprised to hear that his former left-wing Herbert Ninaus was now playing centre forward, but

HAVE YOUR SAY

Here we are at the threshold of another season and, judging by the transfers and importations, soccer is in for another shot in the arm.

Players have been training for some time now in order to get into top condition, and friendly matches have been played during the past few weeks with a good crowd following.

This is good for the sport.

So, the set-up is there, the tension is in the air — but what have clubs done towards the improvement to the playing grounds? — Nil.

Some fields are still a disgrace to First Division standards, not only for the players but also in regard to spectator accomodation, and this includes referees' dressing rooms.

This season, the Federation should try to elleviate all the abovementioned things gradually for the good of all concerned.

Spectators are entitled to better comfort; players would give a better exhibition of football on improved grounds, and referees should be able to change in better surroundings and not be harrassed by implements and excited followers of the game.

Speaking of referees, many spectators are not only looking forward to new players in the teams but also to new faces among the referees.

Surely,there must be more potential than the mere handful of last year's referees for First Division games!

Admittedly, it takes experience to do the senior games but, judging by the calibre of some referees who consistently gave poor exhibitions during the previous season, it would be well for the Referee's Association to look into the matter of appointing some up-and-coming members.

Who knows, there might be some Ellis, Griffiths or Leafe amongst them.

With regard to players, we spectators will pay our money to see good football and this includes team-work.

Players of the same side, who continually bicker with each other or argue with the referee on the slightest pretext, are a detriment to the game.

Continual unsportmanlike behavior of this type tends to lower the morale of the whole team and those clubs will suffer from lack of spectator support — which could mean lack of money, lack of good players, eventual demotion and perhaps obscurity.

With the above conditions fullfilled, we, soccer fans, will try to keep calm, cool, and collected, even if things are going bad for the home team.

But we must all work together.

So come on the Federation, the players and the referees — give us your best and we give you ours.

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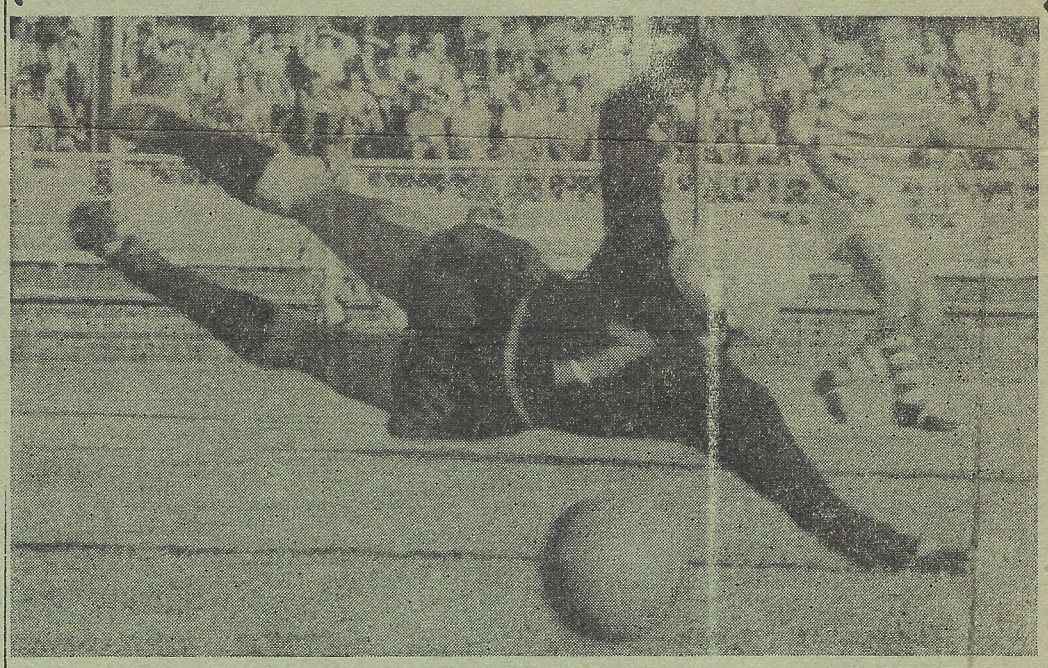

Hugh KATSER'S "first" since his return from Israel: "flying" goalie, Wenzl (Hakoah, in a great save against Polonia (Melbourne).

Centre-half controversy

No. 3 or No. 5?

By PAUL DEAN

We have a man in soccer teams called a goalkeeper and, since he does keep the goal, call him just that.

We also have wingers who, as their name indicates, play on the right or the left wing.

We also have, since Arsenal of London introduced it in the 1930's, a third back, — a stopper, a pivot, a "policeman," or call him what you like, — but keep pretending that he is a centre-half.

Quite clearly, this man no longer can be regarded as a half but an out-and-out fullback, usually the most important one.

Just about the whole soccer world now regards this player as a stopper, calls him that AND, to dispel any lingering illusions about his role, numbers him as such.

Logically enough he wears No. 3 jersey — and not No. 5. (England and the rest of the British isles are exceptions).

Every leading country, realising the major changes in modern soccer line-ups, has now adopted calling the former centre-half a "stopper" or "third back".

I think, and there are thousands who will agree with me, that, to go on with the old, antiquated method of numbering the players WRONGLY, is illogical.

Today's soccer team, when it takes the field, has a goalkeeper, three fullbacks, two halves and five forwards.

I feel our clubs should follow this world-wide trend which would make our teams' line-up, both in print and on the field, a genuine reflection of their true character.

In fact, one Sydney club has been doing it for a year; newly promoted, now amalgamated, Polonia.

Let's hope the others will follow this example by the time the competition proper begins.

Corinthians gain star players

Second Division club CORINTHIANS have great plans for promotion this year which include the importation of nine top flight players from the U.K.

The first to arrive was Brian SUTTON, a 22 year old inside-forward from Stockport County, who landed at the end of January and has already shown tremendous form in practice games.

Two more were recently flown in and others are on their way.

The latest arrivals were Michael FAZACKERLEY, an experienced 27-year old centre half, who has just completed three seasons with English First Division club, Manchester City, and, 20-year-old Biran MCLAUGHLIN, an Irish youth international, who played for top Belfast club Distillery and knocked back offers from Blackburn Rovers and Arsenal to come to Australia to play for Corinthians.

With such players as these, Corinthians, an "All-British" club will undoubtedly be a force to be reckoned with and, should they gain promotion, would prove a great asset to the First Division with their big potential following from the British migrant population of Sydney.

TRIAL MATCHES THIS WEEK-END

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

BUDAPEST v. POLONIA NORTH SIDE (McArthur Pk, Granville) at 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

APIA v. HAKOAH (Lambert Park) at 3.30 p.m.

SOUTH COAST UNITED v. SYDNEY AUSTRAL (Woonoona) at 3 p.m.

PRAGUE v. AUBURN (Sydney Athletic field)) at 8 p.m.

WALLSEND v. PAN HELLENIC at Newcastle.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

● "MR. SOCCER", Stanley Mathews, has accepted the position of Patron of East Bankstown Soccer Club.

● MORE THAN 50,000 fans turned up to see Real Madrids new Swedish centre forward, Agne Simonsson, make his debut with the RESERVE team.

● PRAGUE'S new gain, Alick Jeffries, played for England amateurs against Bulgaria and Germany at the age of 17.

● RON HAWKSHAW, APIA Leichhardt left fullback, is on loan to a Newcastle Club.

● ALAN HETARINGTON, Bankstown inside right, marries a German lass, Miss Helga Rahmeder, to-morrow, Saturday 25, 1961.

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from the sidelines

by Tad Targ

STORY, AS GOOD AS ANY

At a trial match one rainy night last weekend I was standing between Lou GAUTIER and Paul DEAN, two of my "Soccer World" colleagues.

There was a free kick to be taken by a very well known player.

While the player was placing the ball on the spot, Paul said:

"It will be a good shot!"

Lou added: "And the goalie will make a spectacular save!"

I did not agree with them: "The ball will go over the cross-bar."

At this point the player kicked the ball which... rolled along the ground yards outside the post.

A nasty woman, standing behind us, whispered into our ears:

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YOU CAN'T GO WRONG

I couldn't think of a better story to greet you with and, at the same time, assure you that your paper is in the most capable hands...

As my story shows, our tips and forecasts will be at least as good throughout the year.

Our other stories — features and facts, might not be up to the same standard, however.

Anyhow, it's good to be able to talk to you once again.

I hope you'll have a most enjoyable season; that is — your team will keep on winning every weekend and so, set you in the right frame of mind to read the "green paper", which you will then find, I'm sure, better than ever before...

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KEEP THAT CARPET CLEAN!

Sydney's "Polish News", a Polish language publication, in a comment on Melbourne Polonia's visit to Sydney two weeks ago, said i.a. :

"We have read, in the daily Press over the past few days, so much about their carpet-passing game".

"We didn't know then what it really meant but, now, we do".

"Carpet passing is a type of game where players half-walk half-run, softly and carefully so as not to soil the carpet of the turf...."

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P.S.: In fairness to the Melbourne premiers we must add that their encounter with Prague was a third one "in a row"; they played an Ampol Cup match on Friday and Hakoah (Sydney) on Saturday and must have been, both physically and mentally, tired.

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UNBELIEVABLE, BUT TRUE

This is a story to end all stories.

English referee Arthur ELLIS, one of the greatest ever, disallowed FIVE goals in the one match.

It was a fourth round F.A. Cup-tie, between Stoke City and Blackpool in 1949.

The game ended in a nil-all draw and the goals disallowed were.... the home team's (Stoke).

Now, I don't propose to comment except that, I, somehow, just can't imagine even Ellis, doing it in Sydney...

So you think you know soccer? No.II/1

By R. E. FEREE

Although Soccer has progressed rapidly here, very little has been done to improve many of the playing fields, especially in the lower divisions, and the referee is sometimes in a dilemma as to whether to commence a game because of the incorrect markings of the playing area.

Some referees have different ideas when confronted with this problem, but what would you have done in the following instance: —

It is one of the first competition games of the year and soccer grounds are hard to come by because of the overlapping of the cricket and football seasons, and Sydney University is playing Drummoyne at Woodward Park, Liverpool, a neutral ground.

Just prior to the commencement of the game, Referee Bill Irons discovers that the penalty area has been marked out incorrectly, so that it is approximately 20 x 20 yards instead of 18 x 44 yards.

It is a Third Division Competition game and there is not much time nor facilities available to re-mark the ground, but the referee delays the start of the game so the ground can be marked according to the Laws.

The two captains approach Mr Irons and maintain that as they both have complete teams, the game should proceed immediately, and besides, they argue, that it is the same for both sides.

The arbiter gives them considerable time to locate the groundsman and to re-mark the field, but they are unable to find him. Mr Irons then decides to go on with the game and report the matter to the Federation's Management Committee.

Was he right to go on with the game?

ANSWER: Yes. The main thing is to start and complete a game where possible. A referee's task in this respect is first to try to rectify the fault and if unable to do so, try to give both teams a game, and leave the matter of whether it qualifies as a competition game or not in the hands of the ruling body.

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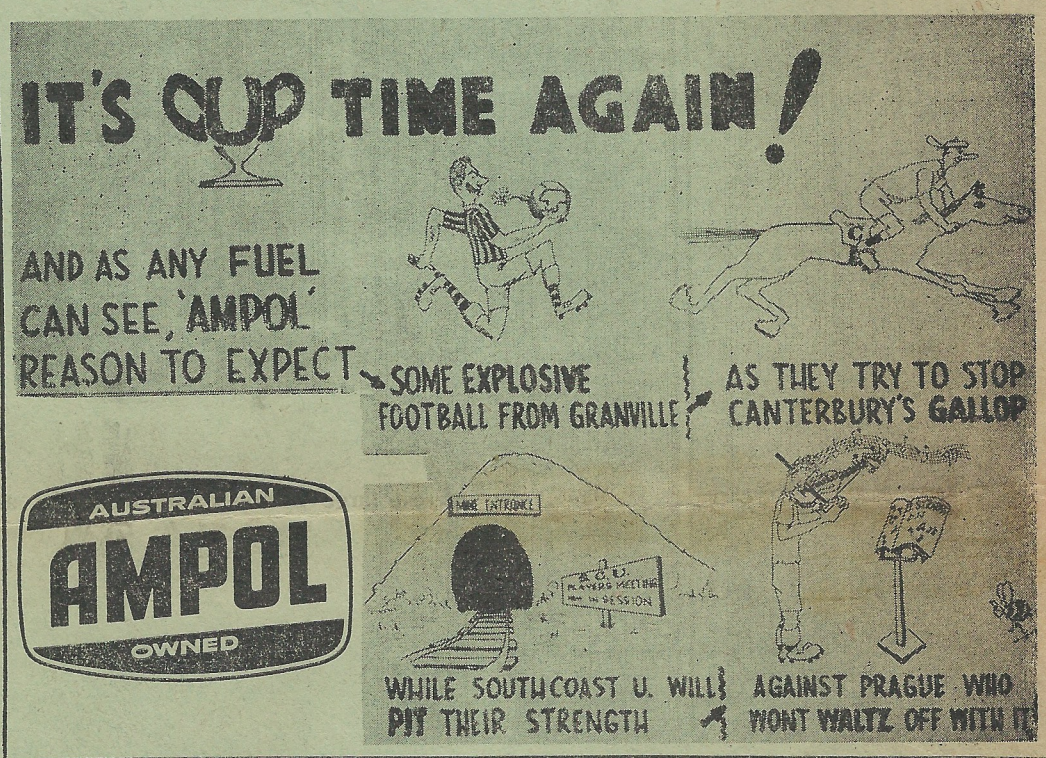

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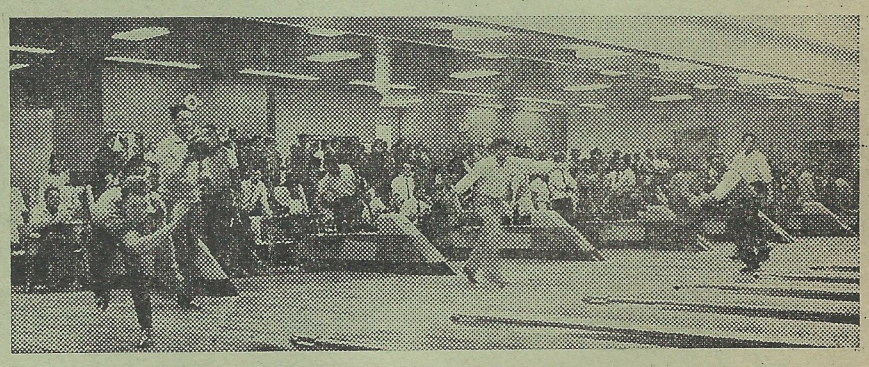

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